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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications (if needed)
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D (if needed)
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if filed)
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☒ Computer Readable Copy
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Sequence Listing - 28 Pages
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18. ☐ Priority of foreign Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
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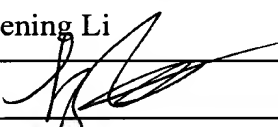
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